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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR MEA RE-EQUIPMENT AND LINES OF DEVELOPMENT

1. FIRST OF THREE BOEING 747-200B AIRCRAFT ORDERED BY
MEA DURING 1974 BEING DELIVERED BEIRUT MORNING JUNE 21.
SECOND 747-200B WILL BE DELIVERED BEIRUT WITHIN NEXT
WEEK, WITH THIRD AIRCRAFT TO FOLLOW SEPTEMBER.

2. MEA 747-200B'S WILL BE CONFIGURED AT 374 SEATS
(FIRST CLASS 52, ECONOMY CLASS 322). FIRST TWO AIR-
CRAFT WILL ENTER SCHEDULED SERVICE JULY 1 ON FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE PATTERN:

SECTOR	FREQUENCY	WEEKLY BLOCK HRS.
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BEIRUT-LONDON	7 ROUNDTrips	66:30
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WEEKLY

BEIRUT-ABU DHABI 3 ROUNTRIPS 18:45
WEEKLY

BEIRUT-DUBAI-MUSCAT 3 ROUNDTRIPS 23:00
WEEKLY

TOTAL 13 ROUNDTRIPS 108:15
WEEKLY

AVERAGE DAILY UTILIZATION PER AIRCRAFT - 7:42

3. MEA HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO INTRODUCE 700-200B SERVICES TO JIDDA AND DHAHRAN EFFECTIVE JULY 1 BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE AIRPORT PROBLEMS AT JIDDA AND DHAHRAN. HOWEVER THERE ARE NO BILATERAL CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY SAUDI ARABIA ON MEA'S WIDE-BODIED DEPLOYMENT TO SAUDIA ARABIA. MEA TEAM PROCEEDING JIDDA AND DHAHRAN WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO ASCERTAIN LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO SOLVE TERMINAL INADEQUACIES JIDDA IN HANDLING 374 PASSENGERS AT ONE TIME, AND UNAVAILABILITY WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP DHAHRAN.

4. WITH DELIVERY THIRD AIRCRAFT, EFFECTIVE OCT 1, MEA WILL PROBABLY DEPLOY 747-200B'S BEIRUT-PARIS TWO-THREE TIMES WEEKLY, BEIRUT/CAIRO TWO-FOUR ROUNDTRIPS WEEKLY, AND TWO-FOUR ROUNDTRIPS WEEKLY BEIRUT-JIDDA, BEIRUT-DHAHRAN.

5. EFFECTIVE JULY 1 MEA INAUGURATING SERVICE TO SPAIN WITH THREE 720-023B ROUNDTRIP SCHEDULED SERVICES WEEKLY, BEIRUT-GENEVA-MADRID.
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